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PETERBOROUGH NORTH AREA COMMITTEE (NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE N&W2)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24 JANUARY 2012, 7.30 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman	Cllr Nash
Paston	Cllrs S Day and Simons
Walton	Cllrs Shaheed and Sandford
Werrington North	Cllrs JR Fox, JA Fox and Lane
Werrington South	Cllrs Fower and Burton

Cabinet Member for Resources Cllr Seaton

Officers Present:

Ian Tobin	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Jamie McFarlane	Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer, PCC
Kim Sawyer	Head of Legal Services, PCC
Alex Daynes	Democratic Services, PCC
Julie Rivett	Neighbourhood Manager, PCC
Richard Oldfield	Enterprise Peterborough
Mark Holsey(?)	Enterprise Peterborough
Cherry Lester	Locality Manager, PCC
Calvin Grant	Community Based Youth Worker, PCC
Dan Hall	Community Based Youth Worker, PCC
Pep Cipriano	Communications, PCC
Gary Goose	Community Safety Strategic Manager, PCC
Adrian Chapman	Head of Neighbourhood Services, PCC
John Harrison	Executive Director Strategic Resources, PCC

Others Present:

45 people attended the meeting including representatives from Cross Keys Homes, Thurrock Council, Neighbourhood Panel and local parents.

ITEM	DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS	ACTION
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received from Cllrs P Thacker and D Day.	
2. Declarations of Interest	No declarations of interest were received.	
3. Minutes from the previous meeting	The minutes from the meeting held 5 October 2011 were agreed to be accurate. Updates from the meeting were made available on the tables at the meeting.	
6(a) Peterborough North Youth Forum	Young people from across the area introduced the aims and ambitions of the Youth Forum which included regular reporting of youth issues to the Area Committee. Some priorities already identified included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More holiday activities;• Graffiti boards;	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Werrington Skate Park improvements and need for funding; and • Help from the community to achieve plans. <p>Questions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to talk to ward councillors and give them your plans to begin supporting the work. • Cllr Lane – what is being worked on at the moment? – Calvin – only just formed. Main issue was the Skate Park. Cllr Lane – any cost estimates for activities? Calvin – not yet as only formed last week. • Denham Hughes (8-19 service) – some costing for the skate park has been done and graffiti boards are in the budget item for this meeting. • Cllr Nash – rock in park event was a good example of a successful event. • Cllr Fower – could have a rock in the park in the Paston area? 	
<p>4. Open Session</p>	<p>Audience members were advised that members of the council's Transport team were at the meeting with the works plans for next year should anyone have any queries for them.</p> <p>Audience members were given the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues affecting the area they lived in. These included:</p> <p><u>Paston Centre</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In update report, why only work with Tesco, why not other shops? J Rivett – will work with all traders but Tesco could have big input into the centre's development; • Fire risk near steps to flats? – J Rivett, fire service has worked on this. Cllr S Day – the report is available and work was undertaken quickly to resolve the issue; • Some stalls on the market were told would have to move. Residents should determine whether market is wanted or not; • Enterprise Peterborough now collecting refuse and there were problems with collections around Christmas time. If problems with collections known, should inform residents; and <p><u>Waste collections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Fower – re waste collections – the grant to Enterprise was being cut by the city council, waiting for plan to deal with this. Will there be cuts to collections? R Oldfield – will give plan to council this week and will aim to have minimal impact on services; • Cllr Fower – when find out what the plans are? R Oldfield – going to council this week so after that will be able to advise more widely; • Cllr Fower – Millfield residents have weekly collections? R Oldfield – 2500 properties have no storage space so some have weekly collections as rubbish would collect in the houses. 	

	<p><u>Main road crossings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why stopping crossing patrols? J Rivett – can discuss later in PCC budget item. Cllr J R Fox – safety is priority. Cllr S Day – many councillors do not agree with this proposed reduction. 	
<p>5. Matters for Committee Decision</p>	<p>a) Capital Budget Allocation 2011/12</p> <p>Cllr Burton introduced and moved the report on Capital Budget Allocation for 2011/12 that requested the committee approved spending proposals for the committee budget of £25,000 as detailed in the report. This was seconded by Councillor Lane.</p> <p>Comments and questions included:</p> <p>Cllr Fower – small grants scheme – could some go to Youth Forum? How get some of the money? J Rivett – around 12 groups benefitted last year. Elected councillors will have forms to apply for some of the money so can apply through them.</p> <p>The committee voted and APPROVED (unanimously) an allocation of the budget to the following proposals (costs estimated):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle Activated Signs (£10,000) – Two mobile Vehicle Activated Signs to be purchased for use in all Wards within the Peterborough North area; • Merelade Grove (£1000) – To purchase three bollards to prevent illegal occupation of a piece of land at Merelade Grove, Werrington; • Street Art Boards (£2500) – The installation of Street Art Boards across the Peterborough North area for graffiti art projects; and • Small Grants Scheme (£6500) – Groups that fall within the Committee area will have the opportunity to bid on this money which will be available for capital projects. This scheme will replicate the same initiative from last year. 	
<p>6. Updates on Matters of Interest Relevant to the Committee</p>	<p>b) Peterborough North Neighbourhood Committee Ward Tour</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager tabled an update to actions following the recent ward tour which occurred following recommendations from the councillor review group for Neighbourhood Committees. The tour involved ward councillors and service providers visiting the Neighbourhood area to see locations and issues in the area.</p> <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Werrington Neighbourhood Council – Paynesholme – what is happening with old people’s homes there? Michael Bruce, Cross Keys – funding is going into Paynesholme. Guidelines put in place for contractors to keep disruption to a minimum; • Trees have been cut down there. M Bruce – planting more trees than removing (safety issues), working with Forest for Peterborough and have consulted residents; • Jill Cross, Gunthorpe – if do another tour, will Gunthorpe be 	

	<p>visited? J Rivett – all elected members can come on the ward tour. Cllr Fower – not always convenient times for all councillors. Cllr JR Fox – Gunthorpe was included and other areas. Issues were put forward by ward members. Cllr Burton – did visit Gunthorpe to see highlighted issues;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Sandford – could arrange tours at weekends to include more public. Need a community plan. What update on this? J Rivett – is in progress and being developed further. 	
	<p>c) PCC Budget Consultation</p> <p>John Harrison and Cllr Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources, presented information on the City Council budget for 2012/13 and medium term financial plan to 2021/22 highlighting issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have already had lots of feedback regarding school crossing patrols. 73 schools, only 8 with crossing patrols; • Reduced government grant settlement; • Financial challenges over next 5 years; • Service reductions; • Higher spending areas - included adult and children’s social care; • Key capital investment projects; • Key areas for savings; • Increase in council tax. <p>Comments and responses to questions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr J R Fox – take out £30k for street parties, can use Community Leadership Fund for this; should listen to public over school crossing patrols should never have been proposed; do not remove environmental enforcement officers, need more of them; • Jane Holt, parent Paston Ridings – school is on a main road, no crossing. Not acceptable to remove school crossing patrols. Expanding schools but no infrastructure consideration. Knocking down schools and building more a few metres away. How much to CRB check crossing patrol volunteers and insurance for them? Money going to pedestrian crossing on Bourges Boulevard when there are already crossings there. Cllr Seaton – school rebuilds, need newer, larger schools due to increase of children in city and challenges over increase in English as foreign language students. School crossings patrols – well aware of feelings over this. Need to look at all sites across city where there could be a need. Many issues to address the risks involved, including police issues; • Cllr Sandford – front of book has Cllr Seaton and J Harrison on the front therefore could have withdrawn the school crossing item at Cabinet on 20 January; • Cllr Sandford – Enterprise reduction in budget, they need to produce a plan as they weren’t consulted first. Should have consulted them? J Harrison – assessed contract value to determine reduction and now working with Enterprise to achieve this; • Lawrence Wright – 581 extra children coming in. Why not have more government money to cope with foreign nationals. Ed 	

	<p>Murphy – only a small amount was received. Cllr Seaton – elected representatives are working hard to increase the grant for Peterborough. J Harrison – if more children are at school, money for schools increases. An additional supplement is also received if English is not the first language. Peterborough’s population grant still based on census 10 years ago. Funding formula to from Government is also set to change in the future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr J A Fox – Paston Ridings school crossings do need upgrading. Could have £1k from each CLF to pay for any diamond jubilee celebrations; • Was a petition a couple of years ago on same rumour so feel crossing patrol reduction has been planned for some time; A Chapman – proposals have not been agreed yet. It is consultation at the moment and nothing is determined yet; • Cllr J R Fox – some previous consultations have not seen all objections accepted; • Ed Murphy - £100m in invest to save to make a profit? Where is the profit in the budget? J Harrison – cannot predict the value of profit so will not attempt to do this and therefore will not align spending to it; • Ed Murphy - What outturns and efficiency realised so far? JH - Outturns, overspent in current year. Not related to efficiencies, mostly Adult Social Care spending; • Ed Murphy – only a short discussion at Cabinet of the budget. Care home being closed down. Is this saving money? No decision yet taken on closing care homes so no consultation taking place; • J Harrison – many staff have been told they were at risk which his normal procedure as their jobs appeared in the budget book; • Council Tax increase, 2.95% next year, what about year after. Also 2.95% next year so will be 5.9%? J Harrison – is only calculated year to year, not combined; and • If austerity measures are needed, why so much money for the Olympic torch and the Diamond Jubilee. Should people not pay for their own parties? The council could then keep people’s jobs and money spent privately into the local economy. 	
7. Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on 20 March 2012, venue to be confirmed.	

Meeting closed 9.30pm

CHAIRMAN

ACTIONS

DATE	ACTION	WHO AND WHEN?	STATUS
24 January 2012	• None		

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